

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 32

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A RESOLUTION to make application to the Congress of the United States to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relative to providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate States.

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides authority for a Convention to be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application of two-thirds of the Legislatures of the several states (hereinafter an "amendments convention"), and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee favors the proposal and ratification of an amendment to said Constitution which shall provide that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, application is made to the Congress of the United States to call an amendments convention for the purpose of considering and proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which shall provide that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds (2/3) of

the legislatures of the several states have made application for an equivalently limited amendments convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amendments convention contemplated by this application shall be entirely focused upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted forthwith to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to each Senator and Representative in Congress from this state, and to each house of the legislature and to the Secretary of State of each of the several states requesting their cooperation in applying for the amendments convention limited to the subject matter contemplated by this application.